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SUBJ: BAHRAIN COAST GUARD

REF: (A) MANAMA 0539, (B) KUWAIT 3202, (C) MANAMA 0352

1. RE TRAINING REQUESTED REFTEL (C): YOU MAY INFORM GOB THAT US COAST GUARD IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO OFFER BAHRAINI OFFICERS, WHO ARE QUALIFIED IN ENGLISH, ALL USCG TRAINING COURSES OUTLINED ON PAGE 15 OF SURVEY TEAM REPORT. WOULD WE BE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES GOB WOULD WISH TO PROPOSE FOR THIS TRAINING DURING TOTAL LENGTH OF PROGRAM IS ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE? DEPENDING ON WISHES OF GOB, WE COULD BEGIN ALMOST
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IMMEDIATELY TO PROVIDE THIS TRAINING EITHER TO SALMAN

AL-MUSSALLAM ALONE, OR TO A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE BAHRAINI OFFICERS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, GOB SHOULD BE ADVISED OF UPCOMING CONVENING DATES OF OFFICER COURSES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL BASIC COURSE (17 WEEKS);
FEB. 3, JUNE 7 AND MID-AUGUST 74

(B) PORT SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT/POLLUTION (4 WEEKS);
NOV. 5 73

(C) PORT SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT (4 WEEKS) JAN 7 AND
JUNE 10 74

(D) POLLUTION (4 WEEKS); JAN 7 AND JUNE 10 74

(E) AIDS TO NAVIGATION (4 WEEKS); OCT 23 73 AND
JAN 7, MAR 11, MAY 20 74

(F) SEARCH AND RESCUE (4 WEEKS); NOV 26 73 AND JAN 7,
APRIL 1, JUNE 24 74.

ALTHOUGH IN ABSENCE FORMAL APPLICATIONS, COAST GUARD CAN NOT RPT NOT CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF BAHRAINI STUDENTS IN SPECIFIC COURSES, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PLACE THEM IN DESIRED TRAINING PROGRAMS JUST AS SOON AS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF BAHRAINI PROGRAM, WE ARE CONSIDERING THAT COURSES LISTED ON PAGE 15 OF SURVEY TEAM REPORT CORRESPOND TO "ADVANCE" TRAINING MENTIONED BY FONMIN SHAYKH MUHAMMAD (PARA 2, REFTEL C). FURTHER, WE ASSUME CONTEMPLATED "SPECIALIZED" TRAINING (PARA. 1 REFTEL C) OF BOTH OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IS BASICALLY THAT OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT 4 OF SURVEY REPORT, AND THAT BAHRAINIS ANTICIPATE CARRYING THIS OUT EITHER IN SAUDI ARABIA OR ELSEWHERE IN GULF AREA IF PRIMIN'S SCRUPLES REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL (A) NOW CAUSING THEM SHY AWAY FROM SAUDI TRAINING PREVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED BY FONMIN.

3. RE FINANCING USG PORTION (PARA. 1 ABOVE) OF TRAINING:
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USCG WILLING PROVIDE ALL TUITION, BOOKS, LIVING QUARTERS, AND USE OF TRAINING AIDS AND FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE. USCG CAN NOT RPT NOT ASSUME COSTS FOR STUDENTS' TRAVEL, BOARD, AND POCKET MONEY. WE BELIEVE GOB PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING A PORTION OF THIS PROGRAM TO BE ADVISABLE, AND WE WOULD PREFER TO PROCEED TOWARDS TRAINING AGREEMENT BASED ROUGHLY ON FINANCIAL PROPOSALS WE HAVE MADE ABOVE.

4. REGARDING WAYS IN WHICH USG CAN HELP FINANCE COSTS OF EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY FACILITIES DESIRED: EXIM HAS INDICATED IT COULD PROBABLY PROVIDE (1) DIRECT FINANCING FOR UP TO 45 PERCENT -- FOLLOWING 10 PERCENT CASH DOWN-PAYMENT -- OF TOTAL COST OF US RPT US EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES LISTED IN ATTACHMENTS 19, 20, AND 21 OF SURVEY TEAM REPORT, AND (2) BACK-UP GUARANTEES TO ANY COMMERCIAL BANKS OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS FINANCING REMAINING 45 PERCENT OF THESE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE COSTS. DETAILS OF ANY EXIM FINANCING SCHEME WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN BANK AND GOB. BANK WILL REQUIRE SIGNATURE OF GOB MINISTER ON PROMISSORY NOTE. ALSO, SINCE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY ARE INVOLVED, BANK IS

LIKELY TO PREFER MAKING DISBURSEMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT OVER SHORTER PERIOD THAN FIVE-YEAR TIME FRAME OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT 20.

5. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL (B): WE ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ANY EFFORT ADDRESSEE POSTS MAKE TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG GULF STATES IN COASTAL DEFENSE PLANNING. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, OVER POSSIBLE DELAYS TO BAHRAIN COAST GUARD PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE INTRODUCED THROUGH EFFORTS TO COMBINE ITS ACTUAL TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS WITH THOSE OF ITS NEIGHBORS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT DISCOURAGE GOB FROM SEEKING HELP FROM KUWAITI FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN MODERNIZING BAHRAIN COAST GUARD. HOWEVER, GOK HAS NOT MOVED RAPIDLY IN IMPLEMENTING NAVAL PLANS, AND MAY LIKEWISE PROCRASTINATE OVER JOINT COASTAL DEFENSE MATTERS. ALSO, WE HAVE SEEN THAT BAHRAINIS THEMSELVES MAY NOT WANT TO GET TOO INVOLVED WITH SAUDIS AT THIS

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STAGE.

6. ACTION MANAMA: YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE TRAINING AND FINANCING OFFERS IN PARAS 1 THROUGH 4 ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE BAHRAINI OFFICIALS. PLEASE REPORT GOB REACTIONS.

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